

Greater Houston Community Foundation Scholarships



What is a community foundation?

First created in 1914 by a banker at Cleveland Trust Company inspired to create a “community chest” that could help generous residents make sure their philanthropic dollars did good in the community.

Today there are 730+ active community foundations across the US representing philanthropic assets of \$140 billion.

But what do you do?

Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities that partner with individuals, businesses and foundations to receive charitable donations, manage philanthropic assets and make grants through a variety of diverse platforms including donor advised funds and scholarship funds.

In addition to grantmaking, community foundations support their communities in many other ways. For example, GHCF provides leadership in addressing critical community needs such as disaster relief and recovery efforts and initiatives like *Understanding Houston*, a comprehensive regional indicators project that enables data-informed decision-making.

Purpose Statement

**We inspire and create meaningful
and positive change with our
donors and for our community.**



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We are One Community.

766 Scholarships Totaling \$3,901,446



2022-23 Scholarships Given by GHCF Donors

Scholarships based on Major

- **Healthcare and Nursing Education Foundation Scholarship-** benefiting nursing students who plan to pursue a nursing career in the Greater Houston area
- **Nancy D. Palm Scholarship-** benefiting college students in Texas majoring in elementary education
- **Patrick J. Kiley/Houston AGC Scholarship-** benefiting employees or dependents of employees of an AGC Houston member firm or an AGC Student Chapter member
- **Texas Retailers Education Foundation Scholarship-** benefiting students pursuing retail management degrees



General Scholarships

- **AD Osherman Scholarship-** benefiting first generation college students in Texas
- **John Buller Scholarship-** benefiting college students in Texas who have cystic fibrosis
- **Strong Family Scholarship-** benefiting graduating high school seniors from charter schools in Houston

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Currently:

- Be a graduating senior from Spring ISD, Klein ISD, or Houston ISD
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Other Requirements:

- Must plan to pursue a STEM major
 - Preference for math, statistics, physics, and computer science

Award Amount:

- \$3,141.59



Texas Educational Foundation Scholarship

Requirements:

- Be a resident of the state of Texas
- Plan to enroll in a vocational education or technical training program in the greater Houston area

Award amount:

- Up to \$5,000



Application Tips

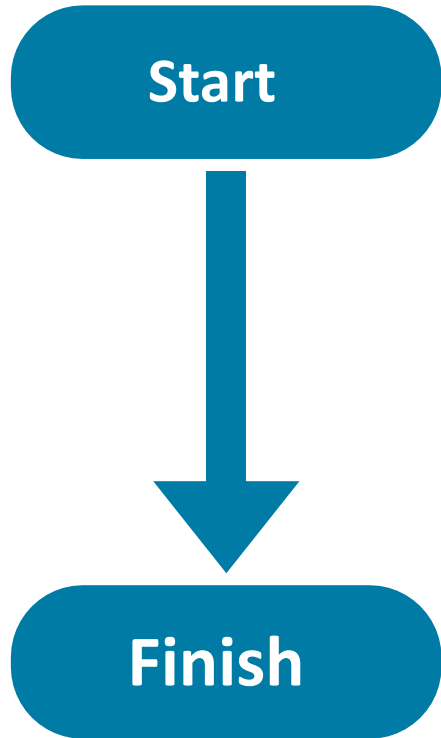
- Use a personal email address, not a parent's email or school email
- Start your application sooner rather than later
- Transcripts MUST be uploaded
- Recommendation forms submitted through website
- Only COMPLETE applications will be reviewed

New Applicants

All new applicants are required to provide:

- *Demographic information*
- *Resume*
- *Academic transcript (unofficial is okay!)*
- *Essay*

Timeline



- February 1 - New and renewal applications open
- March 31 - Applications close
- April - Applications reviewed
- May - Award notifications begin
- July 14 - Last day to accept award

Check out our scholarship application site:

www.ghcfscholar.org



Questions?

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